

As the Examiner acknowledges, JONSSON does not teach or suggest transmission between the first device and the remote device while switching from the first network to the second network. Applicants submit that JABS et al. do supply the deficiency of JONSSON. JABS et al. relate to least cost routing of ship to shore communications. For example, if a call is placed when the ship is docked and there is a landline plugged in and available, the call is routed over the landline. If the landline is not available, it is determined whether a cellular line is available, and so on until the cheapest available route is found for the call. Significantly, although the call can be routed over different networks, JABS et al. do not teach or suggest transmitting while switching between multiple parallel networks, as explicitly require by claim 124. Thus, for at least this reason it is respectfully submitted that claim 124 is patentable.

Dependent claims 125 - 137 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for independent claim 124 in addition to reasons due to their own recitations. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all the claims currently pending in the present application.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 124 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. because the Examiner asserts that a computer program cannot include a transmitter. It is believed, however, that a computer program can transmit, as claimed. More particularly,

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execution of the computer program causes the computer to transmit. Consequently, applicants respectfully submit that claim 24 complies with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the 112 rejection.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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